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Public Invited to Comment on 24 Applicants Being Considered for Superior Court in Maricopa County

PHOENIX - The public is invited to comment on 24 applicants for three openings on the Superior Court in Maricopa County created by the retirement of Judges Laura M. Reckart, Kathleen Mead, and Janice Crawford.

The applicants are:

- Heather A. Baker-Mushkatel
- James H. Baumann II
- Christian J. Bell
- Michelle Carson
- Harla M. Davison
- Marischa H. Gilla
- Gregory J. Gnepper
- Melody G. Harmon
- Amy M. Kalman
- Julie A. LaFave
- Steven W. McCarthy
- Thomas C. McDermott
- Garrick A. McFadden
- Rodney I. Mitchell
- Colleen E. O'Donnell-Smith
- Brian J. Palmer
- Suzanne J. Reed
- Jeremy A. Rovinsky
- Jordan A. Smith
- Brian P. Utsey
- Dawn R. Walton
- Paula A. Williams
- Kirsten J. Wright
- Melissa M. Zabor

Applications can be viewed online at the Commission's website, azcourts.gov/jnc.

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments will review the applications and hear comments at a public meeting on Jan. 30, 2023. Meeting details will be on the public meeting notice. The public meeting notice and meeting agenda will be posted on the Commission's website at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Citizens may address the Commission on the day of the meeting or send written comments to jnc@courts.az.gov or to 1501 W. Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, AZ, 85007. It is not necessary to submit multiple copies of written comments -- email is preferred. Comments must be received no later than Jan. 25, 2023, to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

The Commission will select the applicants to be interviewed at the Jan. 30 meeting, who will then be interviewed on Feb. 24, 2023. The logistics of this meeting will be available after the Jan. 30 meeting. After the interviews, the Commission will recommend at least three nominees for each opening to Gov. Katie Hobbs, who will appoint the new judges.

A previous announcement identified six vacancies rather than the three listed above.

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